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To expand the Safe Streets Program, to establish a National Gang Activity Database, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCNERNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Safe Streets
5 Gang Crime Prevention Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES NEEDED BY THE FED-**
2 **ERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO INVES-**
3 **TIGATE AND PROSECUTE VIOLENT CRIMINAL**
4 **STREET GANGS.**

5 (a) EXPANSION OF SAFE STREETS PROGRAM.—The
6 Attorney General is authorized to expand the Safe Streets
7 Program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the
8 purpose of supporting criminal street gang enforcement
9 teams.

10 (b) NATIONAL GANG ACTIVITY DATABASE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
12 establish a National Gang Activity Database to be
13 housed at and administered by the Department of
14 Justice.

15 (2) DESCRIPTION.—The database required by
16 paragraph (1) shall—

17 (A) be designed to disseminate gang infor-
18 mation to law enforcement agencies throughout
19 the country and, subject to appropriate con-
20 trols, to disseminate aggregate statistical infor-
21 mation to other members of the criminal justice
22 system, community leaders, academics, and the
23 public;

24 (B) contain critical information on gangs,
25 gang members, firearms, criminal activities, ve-
26 hicles, and other information useful for inves-

1 tigators in solving and reducing gang-related
2 crimes;

3 (C) operate in a manner that enables law
4 enforcement agencies to—

5 (i) identify gang members involved in
6 crimes;

7 (ii) track the movement of gangs and
8 members throughout the region;

9 (iii) coordinate law enforcement re-
10 sponse to gang violence;

11 (iv) enhance officer safety;

12 (v) provide realistic, up-to-date figures
13 and statistical data on gang crime and vio-
14 lence;

15 (vi) forecast trends and respond ac-
16 cordingly; and

17 (vii) more easily solve crimes and pre-
18 vent violence; and

19 (D) be subject to guidelines, issued by the
20 Attorney General, specifying the criteria for
21 adding information to the database, the appro-
22 priate period for retention of such information,
23 and a process for removing individuals from the
24 database, and prohibiting disseminating gang
25 information to any entity that is not a law en-

1 forcement agency, except aggregate statistical
2 information where appropriate.

3 (3) USE OF RISS SECURE INTRANET.—From
4 amounts made available to carry out this section, the
5 Attorney General shall provide the Regional Infor-
6 mation Sharing Systems such sums as are necessary
7 to use the secure intranet known as RISSNET to
8 electronically connect existing gang information sys-
9 tems (including the RISSGang National Gang Data-
10 base) with the National Gang Activity Database,
11 thereby facilitating the automated information ex-
12 change of existing gang data by all connected sys-
13 tems without the need for additional databases or
14 data replication.

15 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts oth-
17 erwise authorized, there are authorized to be appro-
18 priated to the Attorney General \$10,000,000 for
19 each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to carry
20 out this section.

21 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts appropriated
22 under paragraph (1) shall remain available until ex-
23 pended.

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